

The Mayor's Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
June 8, 2004

1. The Mayor's Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee (MVAC) convened on Jun 8, 2004, in Room 802 of the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:25 AM by the President, COL(R) Thom Tuckey. Members in attendance were:

LTC(R) Jim Daskal
COL(R) Quin Herlik
COL(R) John Vigna

CSM(R) Jim Hussey
COL(R) Thom Tuckey

Mr. Jim Zills of Fort Gordon attended as a guest.

2. Minutes. The committee approved the minutes from the May 11, 2004 meeting.

3. Old Business.

a. Veterans Groups Dinner. Planning continued for the next issues/update dinner for the representatives of local veterans organizations. The date for the dinner was set for 8 November, and LTC(R) Daskal reported that the dinner would be held at American Legion Post #63. He had set a personal goal of having 200 in attendance, and he estimated that the cost of the meal would be \$5.50 - \$5.75 per meal.

b. Recognition Event for Formerly Deployed Servicemembers. Plans were further discussed for this event intended to recognize and honor all servicemembers who had been deployed from the CSRA. The event was being organized by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce in coordination with the CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon, Columbia County, and Mayor Bob Young, and was to be held in conjunction with an Augusta Greenjackets game. COL(R) Tuckey reported that the Signal Corps Band and the Fort Gordon Color Guard already had this event on their calendars. LTC(R) Daskal was to coordinate attendance and participation of area veterans groups. CSM(R) Hussey was to complete the list of all units that had been deployed from the area.

c. Potential Resource Sharing for Guard and Reserve Units. COL(R) Tuckey reported that Mr. Smith had proposed to the Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) that they conduct an information/coordination meeting with area Guard and Reserve units to clarify training and resource sharing opportunities and procedures. The DPTMS supported the proposal, and planning for the meeting was underway.

d. Job-Search Services for Veterans. Mr. Jim Zills from Ft Gordon provided the committee an overview of the Army Career and Alumni program as a follow-on to earlier discussions about linking employers with potential employees separating from the military. The ACAP program does an excellent job of identifying potential employees and providing them with the tools necessary to successfully compete for job opportunities. The challenge is to provide a means for potential employers and employees to link together. The committee will work with the ACAP staff to share information about jobs and job fairs, and to improve community awareness of the ACAP program and how potential employers can use the program to fill job vacancies.

4. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 AM. The next meeting was scheduled for Jul 14, 2004, at 8:20 AM, in Room 802 of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, June 28, 2004:

Terence Smith
Secretary
Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

CF: Mayor Young
COL Henderson, Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon
Ms. Pat Buchholz, Office of the Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon
Each active MVAC member